

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated June 10, 2005.

In this response the applicant has not deleted or added any claims. Thus, no claim fees are due with this response.

The applicant's agent would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of discussing the applicant's proposed claim amendments, in a phone call on August 30, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 45 as being anticipated by Deak (US Patent No. 5,794,606). The Examiner stated that Deak shows a paintball loader including a cartridge having a chamber 9 for paintballs, and a base (the portion below line 7 in Figure 2 of Deak) for connecting the cartridge to a paintball gun.

Claim 45 of the present application, as amended, specifies that the cartridge is removably connectable to the base. By contrast, the loader portions of Deak that the Examiner refers to as a cartridge and a base are integral with each other. By providing a base and a removable cartridge, cartridges of paintballs may be interchanged during game play, thus eliminating the need for a player to stop and reload the paintball loader during game play. By providing the motor with the base, each cartridge is not required to have its own motor.

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The applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early review and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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